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SUBJECT: FRG PRESS COMMENT ON MBFR AND NPG MEETING

1. EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES IN THIS WEEK'S DIE WELT BY DEFENSE
CORRESPONDENT WOLFRAM VON RAVEN PROVIDE GOOD PICTURE OF HOW
GERMAN PRESS REACTING TO RESOLUTION OF HUNGARIAN PROBLEM AT
VIENNA AND TO REPORTS OF SHIFTS IN US APPROACH TO NUCLEAR POLICY.

2. ON MBFR, VON RAVEN SAID: QTE THE COMPROMISE BY WHICH MULTI-
LATERAL MBFR PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN BELATEDLY SET IN MOTION
INDICATES THAT THE WEST MADE CONCESSIONS WITHOUT ADEQUATE RECI-
PROCITY.. HUNGARY AND ITALY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE STATUS OF
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INTERESTED -- NOT PARTICIPATING -- COUNTRIES. THE WEST HAS RESERVED TO ITSELF THE RIGHT TO BRING UP HUNGARY AGAIN... THE EAST HAS NOT MADE A CORRESPONDING STATEMENT ON ITALY. THUS THIS CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION HAS BEEN MERELY SHIFTED FROM THE PREPARATORY TO THE NEGOTIATING PHASE -- A MOVE WHICH PROMPTS CONCERN. THE EAST RAISED THE ITALIAN QUESTION MAINLY FOR TACTICAL REASONS. HENCE IT CAN EASILY DISMISS IT. THE HUNGARY PROBLEM AFFECTS THE WEST'S STRATEGIC INTERESTS... FOUR SOVIET DIVISIONS ARE STATIONED IN HUNGARY... THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY WANT TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF SOVIET TROOP RESERVATION IN HUNGARY WHILE EXPOSING THE AMERICANS TO A THINNING- OUT IN ALL AREAS OF U. S. TROOP STATIONING... THE COMPROMISE IS THE RESULT OF EASTERN ENDURANCE AND WESTERN IMPATIENCE... END QTE.

3. ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, VON RAVEN OBSERVED: QTE... THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP MEETING WOULD HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE EUROPEANS IF THE U. S. HAD AN EXPERIENCED SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. KISSINGER'S AP SPEECH AND EVEN MORE SO NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT HAVE RAISED MANY QUESTIONS... THUS UNCERTAINTY PREVAILS OVER ADHERENCE TO THE ALLIED ARRANGEMENT ON FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS... SINCE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE FLEXIBLE RESPONSE CONCEPT IS INVOLVED, THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED SOON. WITH AN EYE ON THE EUROPEANS, THE AMERICANS PRAISE THE MININUKES... HOWEVER, THESE WEAPONS DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES FOR USE AS OPERATIVE INSTRUMENTS IN THEATER NUCLEAR WAR OR AS SUBSTITUTES FOR CONVENTIONAL FORCES. TO THE AGGRESSOR, THEIR USE WOULD REPRESENT THE CROSSING OF THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD. THIS CALLS FOR KEEPING THE OPPONENT AWARE OF THE INCALCULABLE RISK OF ESCALATION. A WIDENING OF THE TACTICAL A- WEAPONS ARSENAL ONLY SERVES A USEFUL PURPOSE IF THE EMERGENCY OF GAPS IN AMERICA'S NUCLEAR GUARANTEE FOR EUROPE IS AVOIDED... END QTE. HILLENBRAND

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